

would need smoke doors in between each stairways. You could have children at no times below grade level and you would need a chain link fence around the whole cotton caboodle.

SENATOR BEREUTER: I think, thank you, Senator Kelly, I think by regulation or by law, perhaps by both, we may have acted in good faith in acting in an area where we must act but extended it to the point of absurdity when taken down to the field and I can tell you very directly that this is a reasonable example that I posted for you because I can find it in my own home town. I think that there are some adjustments that need to be made, and if they cannot be made by regulation, then they must be made by law, and when I look at section 71-1902, I see the following sentence. "No person shall furnish or offer to furnish child care for two or more children from different families without having in full force and effect a written license issued by the Department." And that happens to be the Department of Public Welfare. So rather in that instance of the agency overreacting, it is a matter of the law, perhaps, being overreaching in its context.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think this is a very good bill and I think Senator Newell who called it dastardly gave the best arguments in favor of it. Remember the word he used two or three times there. He said this is a deregulation of some of the government regulations and then he said again, well, this looks like you are removing some of the government regulations over baby-sitting and, yes, Senator Newell, that is right. That is what it is. It is a bill that starts retreating a little bit backwards from this advancement of government raising our children, living our lives or putting our helmets on us or putting our seat belts around us or doing everything else. This bill steps back just a little ways and it says, hey, look, in all the system that went on in this country for the last 100 or so years, where you took maybe one or two kids over to Mrs. Jones and have her baby-sit for them because you knew her, you trusted her, you relied on her, you had grown up with her, that system wasn't so bad. We didn't have as much juvenile delinquency when we had that system working, and maybe at least to a little degree, we ought to allow those people who want to pay for it themselves and with a limited number of children maybe that Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Smith can handle, we ought to allow that system to be implemented again. Okay, but the bill, apparently, from my quick count around the room doesn't have enough votes in its present form so I am going to suggest a bit of a compromise that I think might work and, Senator Kelly, let me throw a question at you real quick. What numbers are we working with right now, nine? Okay, Senator Kelly is working with nine. Maybe there is a valid argument. Nine is a little too many kids for Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Jones to handle. Maybe it is three or five that the magic number is that we can test out. Senator Fowler talked to me a bit and he said how can you support this terrible bill and I said, well, it isn't that terrible and we talked a little and I said what could you live with, Senator Fowler, what number did you come up with? He is still thinking. The point I am making is I think we have a bill, a bill where we remove